

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 30, 2022**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Oneida, NY was held on the thirtieth day of December 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the City of Oneida Common Council Chambers, 109 N. Main Street, Oneida NY 13421.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Helen Acker

<u>Attendees</u>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Arrived Late</b>
Mayor Acker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Szczerba	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Laureti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Rossi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Kinville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Councilor Pagano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8:40 a.m.
Councilor Simchik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**Also Present**

City Attorney Nadine Bell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief Dennis Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Clerk Sandy LaPera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Rec Director Luke Griff	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer Jeff Rowe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police Chief John Little	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Codes Director Bob Burnett	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Safety Com. Kevin Salerno	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comptroller Lee Ann Wells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assistant Police Chief Steve Lowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councilor Kinville  
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 19, 2022, are hereby approved as presented.

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 20, 2022, are hereby approved as presented.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Szczerba/Pagano)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **APPROVAL OF WARRANT**

Moved by Councilor Rossi

Seconded by Councilor Kinville

**RESOLVED**, that Warrant No. 25, checks and ACH payments in the amount of \$87,663.53 as audited by the Voucher Committee are hereby approved for payment in the usual manner at the discretion of the Comptroller.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Szczerba/Pagano)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **2023 COLLECTION OF TAXES**

##### **RESOLUTION 22-274**

Moved by Councilor Kinville

Seconded by Councilor Rossi

**RESOLVED**, that the tax warrant for the year 2023 herewith in all respects is hereby approved and issued, and the City Chamberlain is hereby authorized to proceed with the collection of taxes for the year 2023, **and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 5.8 of the City Charter, there shall be levied and raised on the taxable real estate property of the entire City, in manner from and to the extent heretofore authorized and directed by the Common Council, the necessary sums of money for the estimates and disbursements for the year 2023, constituting the budget for the City of Oneida, as the same has been heretofore adopted and approved, and the tax of the several amounts for the different funds of the City, constituting said budget, to be computed at the ratios and upon the different property in said budget and levy set forth.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Szczerba/Pagano)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 22-275**

Moved by Councilor Kinville  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

***2022 Budget Adjustments***

**RESOLVED**, to approve the following 2022 Budget Amendment/Transfers

	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>
\$ 10,500.00	001.1315.0403.0000 City Audit	001.1620.0401.0000 Utilities
<b><i>To re-allocate funds to cover cost of new GASB 87 requirements</i></b>		
\$ 20,000.00	001.7140.0200.0000 Parks & Rec Equip	001.7140.0103.0000 Maintenance Salaries
<b><i>To re-allocate funds to cover the cost of a side by side and dump trailer</i></b>		
\$ 0.48	001.1210.0101.0000 Mayor Salary	001.1210.0400.0000 Mayor Other Expenses
\$ 1,592.00	001.1325.0101.0000 Chamberlain Salaries	001.9089.0800.0000 Employee Benefits
\$ 495.71	001.1355.0101.0000 Assessor Salaries	001.1355.0400.0000 Certiorari
\$ 100.00	001.1430.0101.0000 Civil Service Salaries	001.1430.0300.0000 Civil Service Materials
\$ 2,400.00	001.8020.0101.0000 Planning Salaries	001.5110.0101.0000 Street Maint Salaries

***To re-allocate funds for required payroll accrual for 1st payroll in 2023***

**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the budget transfer of \$20,000 to re-allocate funds to cover the cost of a side by side for the Parks and Recreation Department. It was noted that the department has a dump truck that can be transferred to the DPW instead of being sold and can be borrowed when necessary.

The side by side the Parks and Recreation Department has been using is old and outdated and is no longer working. Council agreed to lower the amount from \$20,000 to \$15,000.

Motion to approve the amended budget transfers: Councilor Simchik  
Seconded by Councilor Kinville

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AGREEMENT-BONADIO & CO., LLP-2022 YEAR END AUDIT**

**RESOLUTION 22-276**

Moved by Councilor Simchik  
Seconded by Councilor Kinville

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Bonadio & Co. LLP, 432 North Franklin St., Syracuse, NY 13204 to audit the City's financial Statements for the year ended 2022.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AGREEMENT-BONADIO & CO., LLP-2022 GASB 87 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION 22-277**

Moved by Councilor Kinville  
Seconded by Councilor Rossi

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Bonadio & Co., LLP, 432 North Franklin Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 for 2022 GASB 87 Professional Consulting Services requirements.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSEOUT CAPITAL PROJECT-21-5-WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**10 WHEELED DUMP TRUCK**

**RESOLUTION 22-278**

Moved by Councilor Simchik  
Seconded by Councilor Kinville

**RESOLVED**, to authorize the Comptroller to closeout Capital Project 21-5-Wastewater Treatment Plant 10 Wheeled Dump Truck and transfer unexpended funds of \$66.00 back to the Sewer Fund Balance.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVE BID-LOW LEAD WATER METER**

**RESOLUTION 22-279**

Moved by Councilor Simchik  
Seconded by Councilor Kinville

**RESOLVED**, to approve the lowest bid meeting specifications for Low Lead Water Meters to the apparent low bidder, Core and Main, 2220 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Mayor thanked the Council and Department Heads for all their hard work and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Kinville  
Seconded by Councilor Simchik

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 (Szczerba)

**MOTION CARRIED**

The special meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

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Sandra LaPera, City Clerk